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**BOARD POLICY CLARIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
LICENSURE AS A PODIATRIST AFTER SUSPENSION OF
PART II CSPE EXAMINATION**

The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (“NBPME”) is no longer offering the Clinical Skills Podiatric Encounter Examination (CSPE) as a component of the Part II of the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (“APMLE”). The requirements for licensure as a podiatrist in Massachusetts are set forth in 249 CMR 3.00: *Application and Licensure*. With regard to examination requirements, Section 3.01(1)(d) states that an applicant must “achieve a score of 75% or higher on Part I, Part II (written **and Clinical Skills Patient Encounter**) of the [APMLE] Licensing Examination and Part III (PMLexis examination) and pass the Massachusetts Jurisprudence Examination.” (emphasis supplied).

The NBPME has announced that: “The CSPE examination is currently suspended. Investigation and evaluation of alternatives has only begun. Although it may be possible, it is unlikely that a new design would be developed, piloted and ready for administration for the Class of 2022.”

Consequently, at a meeting on September 14, 2021, the Board of Podiatry voted to no longer require passage of the CSPE of the NBME exam as a requirement for licensure. Applicants may obtain full licensure in Massachusetts without passing the CSPE, provided they have met the other requirements for licensure in 249 CMR 3.00: *Application and Licensure*.

